

NEWTON YOUTH COMMISSION Meeting

November 7, 2007 MINUTES

Location: Newton City Hall Cafeteria

Present: Joe DeVito (Chair), Anthony Bibbo, Richard Dyer, Donna Gordon, Matt Green, Officer Jim O'Loughlin, Sharon O. Stout
Students: David Perry, Theresa Staulo

Regrets: Peter Harrington, Greg Kelley, Joanne Kazarian, Lisa Langone, Kira Mascho, Stephanie Pelkowsky, Stephen Ross, Terance Sack, Katie Sanders, John Staulo, Robert Staulo, Kirsten Tuohy

Staff: Beverly Droz, Director, Human and Volunteer Services

Guests: Marianne Cook, Riverside

The meeting was opened at 7:05pm.

Introductions were made and Marianne Cook from Riverside Youth Services was welcomed.

A motion to accept the minutes of October 3, 2007 was passed.

Treasurer's report:

The Youth Commission's balance for Fiscal Year 2007-2008 Operating Budget is \$2500.00
We estimate that custodial costs for Autumn Invasion will be \$500, leaving a balance of \$2,000

The Youth Commission's revolving account balance is \$606.12
This includes the 10/21/07 Autumn Invasion revenues of \$100 (raffle) and \$38 (donation jar).

Nomination of Marianne Cook

The resignation of Riverside representative Lisa Langone was accepted with appreciation for the service and time she has provided to the Commission over the past several years. The Youth Commission voted to accept Ms. Langone's resignation and to appoint Marianne Cook to the Youth Commission Advisory Board. **The motion was passed unanimously.**

Youth Foundation Sub-Committee:

No report

Programs:

Autumn Invasion:

Joe appreciated everyone's help and said it was a great day with a good turnout. The bands and food were good. Theresa said that the feedback from the kids was that they enjoyed it. It was noted that the turn-out varied from last year. It was sparser in the beginning and at the end, but well packed in the middle. Bev estimated that as in previous years, there were 350-400 people there during the course of the afternoon.

It is noted that business who donated food and raffle items include: Anna's Tacqueria, Baker's Best, Blue Ribbon BBG, Boston Red Sox, Buff's Pub, Cabot's Ice Cream, Dunkin Donuts, Harris Cyclery, Newton TAB, New England Mobile Book Fair, Newbury Comics, Passaretti Photography, Shaw's Supermarket, and Whole Foods Market. The raffle and donation jar brought in \$138.

Other Business

Possible Youth Summit:

Bev reported that the United Way funding to the Barry Boys & Girls Club has been cut and she does not expect the grant-writer to pursue the Youth Summit grant idea that the person previously discussed with Bev. Bev noted that since the upstart of Newton's Youth Interagency Task Force, there is an existing forum for youth service providers to network and coalesce about important issues facing youth.

Youth Interagency Task Force

The next meeting is December 11 at 10am at City Hall.

Internet Safety and Teen Violence Issues

Joe will talk with Chris Fortunato about internet safety issues. Chris's program can be geared to teens or adults. Joe saw Chris's internet safety seminar on NEW TV. It looked like it was great for parents.

Officer Jim O'Doughlin said the police officers are working in the schools on issues of internet safety, domestic violence and dating violence. There were a couple of incidents at NNHS during the past year. The programs will be in the high school but they'll also outreach to middle school.

Sharon said she received an email announcement about a combined NSHS and NNHS PTSO meeting for parents on Nov. 13, "Teen Dating . Keeping it Safe". Several police officers and representatives from violence prevention agencies will be presenting information.

Shadow Day

Tony Bibbo said there used to be a program called Shadow Day: they would line up businesses willing to have students in for a day, as well as determine students' interest and then match them appropriately to a business. He is in touch with the Chamber of Commerce. There was brief discussion that it sounds like a logistical nightmare given need for permission for students to leave school, find transportation, possible need for insurance, plus tracking students for the day and matching with businesses.

Tony's interested in involving schools and agencies and providing this program for juniors. Donna said the Marriot hotel does a similar program every year. They take 6 students from each high school on Ground Hog Day. It is a fantastic program. She said Newton Wellesley Hospital has done it with some students as well. Students have to get permission to have the day off.

Tony said it would probably start with a breakfast. Marianne Cook said it wouldn't be that difficult to put a list of adults together. Donna said she would help in any way possible.

Martin Luther King Day

It was announced that in January 2008, the observation of Martin Luther King Day will be at The 2nd Church in West Newton. Members from the Newton Clergy Association and Foundation for Racial, Ethnic & Religious Harmony met recently with the Mayor and determined this change of format. Tony and Bev were present.

Meeting was adjourned at 7:30 pm.

The next meeting will be Monday, DECEMBER 3 at 7:00pm in the City Hall cafeteria.
(Note change of date due to Hanukkah Holiday).